

INSPECT SOUTHERN

Corporation Commission on Two of the Railroad Lines.

MANY CHARTERS GRANTED

Mr. Stuart Unable to Go with Commission, Owing to His Wife's Illness. Corporations Granted Charters. Social Clubs Incorporated.

The Corporation Commission yesterday started on their tour of the properties of the Southern Railway, which will occupy three days. Mr. Stuart, one of the members, was unable to make the trip, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Stuart, who is a patient at the Memorial Hospital. The other two members, Messrs. Crump and Fairfax, left in a special car over the Richmond and Danville line yesterday morning, accompanied by Assistant General Freight Agent James H. Drake and Vice-President A. E. Anderson. From this city the commission went to Danville, inspecting not only the main line to that city, but the Keyville branch southward to the Carolina line. From Danville they will take the Atlantic and Danville division to Danville, Norfolk. Thence they will go to Washington by boat, and thence down the main line of the Southern from Alexandria to Danville, inspecting main line and branches.

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The Worden Manufacturing Company, incorporated, of Salem, Va.; E. M. Worden, president; L. C. Hansbrough, vice-president. Capital stock, from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

The White Star Steam Laundry, of Lynchburg, incorporated, with Floyd L. Knight, president. Capital stock, \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Augusta Manganese Company, incorporated, of Staunton; G. S. Rosenberg, president. Capital stock, \$5,000 to \$25,000.

The Byrd Telephone Company, of Hadenaville, president, Joseph J. Anderson. Capital, \$500 to \$5,000.

These social clubs were chartered: Norfolk County Pleasure Club, with William F. Vincent, president. Capital, \$500 to \$5,000.

The Port Norfolk Blue Social Club; William Brumley, president. Capital, \$500 to \$5,000.

Nonpareil Athletic Association, incorporated, of Portsmouth; Joseph J. Riley, president. Capital, \$300 to \$5,000.

The Prospero Pleasure Club, incorporated, of Norfolk county; B. F. Long, president. Capital stock, \$500 to \$5,000.

The Callahan Pleasure Club, incorporated, of Norfolk county; Samuel L. Bridges, president. Capital, from \$300 to \$5,000.

The Riverside Athletic, Social and Literary Association, incorporated, of Portsmouth; Carroll K. Carhart, president. Capital, from \$500 to \$5,000.

The Home Social Club, incorporated, of Elizabeth City county; William W. Ormsby, president. Capital, \$500 to \$2,000.

The Hampton Social Club, incorporated, of Hampton, Va.; A. J. Wood, president. Capital, \$500 to \$2,000.

The Southern Railway Company has issued a circular stating that, "effective this date, Mr. S. D. Cushing is promoted to general electrical engineer, with office at Washington, D. C. in charge of electric block signals and electric power plants."

REGARDING PASSES

Test Case of State Against Trevett Not Yet Heard.

The case of the State vs. Trevett, a test of the constitutional prohibition against State officers riding on passes, which came before Judge Witt in the Circuit Court last fall, has never yet been finally disposed of. It will be remembered that in advance of the making up of this test case Attorney-General Anderson had requested an opinion in regard to the constitutionality of the law which could under the Constitution hold office and use a pass of rank on any railway or accept a frank of any kind. Mr. Trevett, an employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, is also a notary, and was recently riding on a railway pass. The notary made the plea that the pass was not a free pass, but that he was in the employ of the railway, and submitted evidence that the pass was not a gratuity, but was a part of his salary, and was put through a free pass. The Commonwealth demurred to this plea, but the court overruled the demurrer. The case has never since come up on its merits. It is regarded as an extreme one and not fairly testing the constitutionality of the law. No date has been set for the hearing of the case, and it is not expected that it will ever be heard of again. It is a matter of general information that many persons are violating the constitutional prohibitions, among them many city officials, who ride on street cars without paying fares.

Heptasophs to Meet To-Night. Virginia Conclave, Improved Order Heptasophs, will hold a largely attended meeting to-night at Lee Camp Hall and many matters of interest to Heptasophs will be discussed.

There will be a wholesale initiation, as there are over 100 new members to be put through the mysteries of this ever popular and growing organization, and nearly all the supreme officers of the order will be present on this occasion. The initiation will be held at 8 o'clock, of Pittsburgh Pa.; Supreme Secretary Samuel H. Tattersall, of Baltimore, Md.; Supreme Treasurer Charles H. Ramsay, of Boston, Mass.; Supreme Medical Director Charles H. Ramsay, of Baltimore, Md.; Supreme Provost T. B. Hicks, of Richmond, Va.; Supreme Organizer John W. Crutt, of Baltimore, Md.; General Counsel Olin Bryan, of Baltimore, Md.; Member Supreme Committee on Laws Henry Flagg, of Richmond, Va.; and P. M. Brown, deputy State organizer, of Richmond, Va.

Refreshments will be served and all Heptasophs are invited to attend.

Continuance Day in Police Court. 'Squire Lonnie Had an Insignificant Docket on Yesterday.

No grand jury cases cropped up before 'Squire Graves yesterday, but what did line up were dealt with according to law.

Lewis Burch was charged with assaulting I. Coney, and the details will be heard to-day.

William Jefferson and Mamie Jackson are alleged to have had a fight, and it will be discussed on the 12th.

James Roane paid \$10 for assaulting and striking with a deadly weapon.

William Nichols, charged with trespass, will tell about it on the 15th.

One Wood went down for a few days for being disorderly on the street.

J. W. Jones was forced to put up security for thirty days for being drunk.

Kindall was cruel to a horse \$5 worth.

Lottie G. Hill is said to have taken a suit of clothes from John Brown and it will be settled on the 12th.

Annie Goode was disorderly on the street, and had to pay \$2.50 for it.

Charles Johnson paid \$2.50 for shooting craps.

The case of Robert Coleman was further continued to the 12th. He is charged with selling liquor without a license.

Benjamin Bland and Joel Tucker were each sent down on thirty days' security, because of taking a lot of solder from the Southern Railway Supply Company.

INVESTIGATION MAY NOT GO ON TO-NIGHT

It is not certain that the municipal investigation will be proceeded with to-night, as the committee adjourned to meet subject to the call of the chairman, not earlier than September 10th.

So far Mr. Minor has issued no call, and it is possible that the next meeting will be held during the coming week.

Messrs. Minor and Pollard have been conferred as to whether or not the list has yet been completed, but the list matter to be brought up is that relating to the methods of securing street railway franchises through the Council.

So far the investigation has cost the city only about \$200 of the \$1,000 appropriated.

Governor Wanted in Chicago.

Governor Montague has received an invitation to the one hundredth anniversary of the city of Chicago, which will be fittingly celebrated with interesting exercises, the celebration extending from September 25th to October 1st. The invitations are handsome specimens of the printer's art and are valuable souvenirs of an interesting event. It is not probable that Governor Montague will be able to attend the celebration, but if he can arrange to go he will. He is now absent from the city in Southside Virginia, and will probably not return before Friday night or Saturday morning.

'Squire Lewis' Court.

In Henrico county yesterday Squire James T. Lewis gave a hearing to Clive Brothers, Ollie Brothers and Clarence Brothers on the charge of raising a disturbance on the Seven Pines car line. The first-named case was dismissed and Ollie Brothers was fined \$2.50 and costs, and Clarence \$5 and costs.

May Not Contest.

The time for filing contests, arising out of the recent Henrico county primary will expire on Sunday, September 13th. No move in this direction has been made, and it begins to look as if the successful nominees for the various offices will not be disturbed.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday in Henrico county as follows: Eddie Vincent and Miss Emma Polmer; D. D. Vaughan and Miss Mary W. W. Shark.

For Insulting the Emperor.

(By Associated Press.)

HALLE, PRUSSIA, September 8.—Three men and two women have been arrested here, charged with insulting Emperor William. The precise nature of their offense has not been disclosed.

Elevator Completed.

C. H. Hall & Co. have just completed the elevator work at the Chesterfield Plaza, and are now at work on the elevator at Murphy's Hotel Annex. The firm does a whole lot of work here and elsewhere.

Will Elect Officers.

The Clay Ward Activists will hold their annual meeting at Belvidere Hall on Saturday night. Inasmuch as officers for the ensuing year are to be chosen, a full attendance of members is desired.

Church Hill Physicians.

A meeting of the Church Hill Medical Society will be held this evening in the offices of Dr. W. H. Parker, No. 3601 East Broad Street, when the "Old Cases" will be the subject for discussion.

Contract Signed.

The contract for building the settling basin has been signed by Messrs. Winston & Co. contractors. The contractors gave a bond for \$25,000, which is about 20 per cent of the amount of the contract.

Had a Pleasant Trip.

Mr. Thomas J. Wood, State vice-president for Virginia of National Association of Letter Carriers, accompanied by his wife, has just returned from Syracuse, N. Y., after attending the convention. While away they visited Washington, New York, Thousand Islands and Canada.

HURRYING THE WORK

Seaboard Air Line Officials Pushing Birmingham Link.

CEMENTING ALLIANCE

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